

# ABSTRACT

A terminal management device manages the sharing by at  
the least one business entity of costs related to  
5 distributed terminal devices. In a case that a new  
business entity, which uses the terminal devices and  
provides services after the terminal devices have been  
distributed, the terminal management device computes and  
totals the differences of shared costs of each business  
10 entity, which will change in accordance with the addition  
thereof. Thus, by managing the changes of a plurality of  
business entities bearing the costs related to terminal  
devices, changes in the shares of the costs thereof can be  
adjusted easily even in a case that business entities using  
15 the terminal devices thereof and providing services change  
after the terminal devices have been distributed to  
subscribers. Therefore, the present invention facilitates  
the participation of a new service business entity in the  
provision of services using terminal devices subsequent to  
20 the terminal devices being distributed.